

South Wigston Methodist Church

The Oracle



May 2019

Our Mission Statement

The people of South Wigston Methodist Church are called to live the good news of God's love through open hearts, open minds and open doors.

We strive to be a place where understandings of Jesus Christ can flourish.

We're called to be good neighbours to people in need, to challenge injustice, and to meet regularly for prayers, singing and learning.

South Wigston Methodist Church

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Contributions always welcome; deadline 20th of each month.

You can see *The Oracle* in colour on our website.

Rooms for Hire A number of spaces ranging from small meeting rooms to a large hall are available for hire. For available dates and prices please contact Pat 0116 224 9368

Services in May

- Sunday 5th 10.15 Sue Moore
Junior Church
- Sunday 12th 9.00 BANG with breakfast for
children & families
10.15 Rev. Gordon Webb ~ Holy communion
- Sunday 19th 8.45 Bible breakfast
10.15 Rev. Fran Rhys morning worship
with Church Annual Meeting
Junior Church
- Sunday 26th 10.15 Café-style worship ~ led by the
local worship team

Easter Offering Dedication Service

This will be a Circuit Service at Syston Methodist Church on Sunday 19th May at 6.00 pm.

Your offering goes to support partner churches outside Great Britain and Ireland.

Churches Together in South Wigston

£45 from the United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been sent to The Holocaust Educational Trust.

The Good Friday Act of Witness was held outside Tesco. Donations from the lunch raised £70 towards a sound system which will be used on Remembrance Sunday and on other occasions.

Letter from our minister



Hopefully you have noticed the window display here at South Wigston Methodist of an exhibition called “Wondering Soul” which is taking place at another church in the Circuit – Bishop Street Methodist Church in Town Hall Square LE1 6AF - during May and early June. The exhibition of 45 works from the Methodist Modern Art Collection will also take place at the cathedral and at St Andrews and St Nicholas churches. Many people don’t realise that the Methodist Church has a modern art collection which was started by a legacy in the 1960’s. There are paintings by well-known artists such as Elizabeth Frinck, Graham Sutherland, and Mark Cazalet, and outside the Vatican it is one of the world’s largest collections of modern art inspired by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

Modern art may not be your thing, but as well as being able (for free) to look at the paintings in the four venues, you can attend workshops or talks which may help you get a better feel for some of the paintings. There are also response and prayer stations at each venue, such as a lego-based and mill-stone response. You can listen to music surrounded by the paintings, you can go on a day retreat, or attend a photography or printing workshop. You can hear local preachers, Dr Miriam Stevenson and Richard Gill speak about the history of art and how this relates to Methodism. There’s a Messy Church for families with young children at the cathedral, and a bank holiday picnic, inspired by one of the paintings.

For those who would be interested to become more involved, there's a request for volunteers to be "invigilators" for the paintings, or there's a prayer diary to encourage people to pray for the effect of the paintings on people coming to see them. You can register for both these roles on www.wonderingsoul.co.uk Look forward to seeing you there.

Fran

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Cyclone Idai appeal in April. £240. 57 was sent to *All we can* (the Methodist charity) which was already working with partners in Malawi.

Can you help?

An asylum seeker living in Home Office dispersal accommodation in south Leicester has just been granted leave to remain and will imminently be homeless. However he has recently undergone major knee reconstruction surgery and is on crutches undergoing physiotherapy in the short term. The young man is **URGENTLY** seeking a ground floor room until his recovery allows him to seek alternative accommodation and temporary employment. In the meantime he will be receiving subsistence benefits and has a university offer to read politics and economics from October 2019. If you think you could provide temporary accommodation, please be in touch with Jan Bryars at sanctuary.inclusion@gmail.com. Thank you

Church family

We wish a Happy Birthday to everyone who celebrates in May

2nd Harriet

7th Marion

9th Estelle

29th Ann

In memoriam

We are sad to report that Sam Browne died on Thursday 11th April and his funeral took place on Thursday 2nd May. Our condolences and prayers go to his wife Sylvia, his children Janet, Camella, Maxine and Lester, and their families, and friends.

Flower rota for May



5th Janet & David

12th Trevor

19th Alan & Brenda

26th Pat for David

If you would like to contribute towards the flowers you can find out more from Margaret. The rota for 2019 is on the board ~ please fill in your dates.

Mariam, our sponsored child in Burkina Faso.



Please continue to donate via the box on the counter and after café-style worship – our donations do make a difference to Mariam, her family and their community.

Please ask me if you wish to know more, or if you would like to write to Mariam. *Mary*

Ladies' Circle

All women are welcome to come along to this group which meets on Monday evenings, usually at 8pm. On members' evenings we have a chat and a cuppa. On other evenings we have speakers or activities. Open evenings are also held when we have a special speaker ~ men are welcome to attend.

May programme

- 6th Bank holiday ~ no meeting
- 13th Wigston DVD
- 20th Members' evening
- 27th Bank holiday ~ no meeting

Other events



Big Lunch Saturday 1st June outside our church. Last year's event was very successful so we are repeating it this year. We will be giving away food and drinks, chatting to people and getting to know the passers-by. There will be a **planning meeting on Monday 20th May, 7pm** at church. Everyone welcome. We will also be looking for donations of cakes, snacks, etc.



Christian Aid works with 700 local organisations across 50 developing countries, working with poor communities, it trains people to deal with the effects of climate change and prepares them for the threat of natural disasters. These local organisations also work on education, health and sanitation and on peace and reconciliation.

This year Christian Aid is supporting women in Sierra Leone, the world's most dangerous place to become a mum, but with your help communities could build health clinics

This could mean the difference between life and death for those about to give birth. No mum should die in childbirth.

Envelopes for your offering to Christian Aid will be available on Sundays 12th and 19th May.

There will be a Ploughman's Lunch for Christian Aid on Saturday 11th May 11.30 am onwards. £5 for Ploughman's lunch, sweet, tea and coffee.

There is also a quiz, which will be available from the beginning of May. This is NOT one of my quizzes, so please send the answer to the name on the quiz and not to me, although Margaret Edwards and I will be selling them. Margaret is our Church representative on the Christian Aid Committee.

Thank you, Brenda

Wigston Civic Society AGM and illustrated talk

On Wednesday, 1st May at 7.00 pm the Society is holding its AGM.

After a short meeting there will be an illustrated talk by Mark Mitchley, Executive Head Teacher at Wigston Academy, on the life of local architect, William Flint.

Enquiries to Colin Towell on 07813 782899

The meeting starts at 7.00 pm with tea or coffee, at AGE UK Paddock Street, in the Maple Room at the rear of the building. There is no admission charge, and this is a good opportunity to find all about what the Civic Society does for Wigston and South Wigston.

Wigston walk and a talk

On Thursday, 2nd May there are 2 events.

In the morning, a 90-minute walk around Historic Wigston starting at Wigston Library at 10.00 am, led by Peter Cousins.

In the afternoon, at 2.00 pm at Wigston Library, Peter will give a talk about Wigston's significant buildings, blue plaques and local people.

Each event costs £3, including refreshments and must be booked through Wigston Library on 0116 3053689 or wigstonlibrary@leics.gov.uk

Blue plaques in South Wigston

There are several plaques in the village: do you know on what buildings the following people are remembered?

Orson Wright

Gertie Gitana

Charles Moore

Henry Bates



Aigburth Garden Working Party

Saturday 18th May
10 to 12 noon

Weeding and planting in the revived gardens surrounding our MHA residential and care home.

All very welcome – tools, gloves provided: bring your own enthusiasm! Marilyn Bowles, volunteer gardener: 07941 052 032 marilynruith1946@hotmail.com OR Mary B at church.

MHA Aigburth Residential Care Home

Cream tea

Saturday 15 June

2pm until 4.30pm

Summer garden walks

Cakes, Avon stall, plants, *The Pound Stall**(!)

Admission £3 to cover tea (refills) and scores

In aid of Aigburth Amenity Fund

(apart from the *£1 stall which is still raising money for the garden!)

The Church

Services: Sundays 10.15

Junior Church: 1st and 3rd Sundays 10.15 to 11.15

Sarah V. 288 1576 (Not on when BANG & LWT are held)

BANG for children and families: with breakfast

2nd Sunday of each month at 9.00 am (Not during July & August)

The Local Worship Team (LWT) leads cafe-style modern worship on the last Sunday of each month at 10.15 (Not during July & August)

FELLOWSHIP & OTHER GROUPS

Ladies' Circle: Mondays 8.00 pm ~ all women welcome

Knit & natter: Tuesday 2 - 4 just come along and enjoy a cup of tea in good company.

Coffee morning: Saturdays 10.00 to 12.00 noon

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Little Angels: parent/carer & toddler group:

Wednesdays & Thursdays 9.30 to 11.30 (during term times)

Mrs Margaret Edwards 278 6616

Girls' Brigade: Thursday evenings (Term times)

Donna Jobling 278 7152 2ndwigstongb@gmail.com

Outside groups which use the building include:

Busy Bugs Playgroup: Nina Bevans (Term times)

Let's Walk South Wigston: meet on Saturdays at 9.15 for an hour's walk. Contact Judith 0116 286 2625 judithnorth64@yahoo.co.uk

Wigston & District Male Voice Choir www.wigstonmalechoir.org

WONDERING SOUL

2nd May - 9th June 2019 • free entry

*The Methodist Church and Church of England proudly present 'Wondering Soul'
- a contemplative art trail exhibition through Leicester City Centre,
using over 40 works from the **Methodist Modern Art Collection**.*

*Featuring a special series of creative events and projects,
workshops, talks, music recitals and retreat days.*

*Full details of the event programme and creative projects
can be found on the website www.wonderingsoul.co.uk*

PARTICIPATING VENUES:

Leicester Cathedral

2 Peacock Ln, Leicester LE1 5FQ

Bishop Street Methodist Church

Town Hall Square, Leicester LE1 6AF

St Andrews Church

7 Jarrom Street, Leicester LE2 7DH

St Nicholas Church

St Nicholas Circle, Leicester LE1 4LJ

featuring guest venue

Launde Abbey

East Norton LE7 9XB



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For more details, visit
www.wonderingsoul.co.uk  [@LeicsCathedral](https://twitter.com/LeicsCathedral)